

# Rep. Brad Hawkins

## 12th District Legislative Review



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 12th District state representative.

During my legislative term, I have worked hard to represent our district's values, participate in responsible policymaking, and approve balanced budgets. I have established and maintained good working relationships with my colleagues in Olympia – both Republicans and Democrats. These experiences and relationships have been helpful and will continue to benefit our district in the years ahead.

I have also enjoyed participating in the committee process. I am thankful to have served on many different policy committees during my time as your representative. These committees include Education, Transportation, Capital Budget, Business and Financial Services, Community Development and Tribal Affairs, Early Learning & Human Services, and State Government. Serving on these various committees has helped me to learn about the diverse issues of our state.

As your legislator, my goals include preserving funding for public safety, protecting our most vulnerable citizens, adequately funding our educational system, and minimizing tax burdens. Ultimately, my responsibility is to represent you in all I do – and I am truly honored to do so. This legislative review highlights some of my activities in Olympia.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

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## School Disaster Bill Approved

Jon Wyss, Okanogan County Long-Term Recovery Group Chairman, and Dr. Lois Davies, Pateros School District Superintendent, testify before the House Education Committee in favor of House Bill 1003.

I was proud to sponsor House Bill 1003, which passed the Legislature in 2016. It was inspired and requested by the Pateros School District following the 2014 Carlton Complex Fire that caused over \$2 million in damage to its only school building. The measure will pull state resources together to develop a model policy to guide school districts following natural disasters, such as wildfires, mudslides, earthquakes, and flooding.

## Education—Our Paramount Duty

In the 2012 *McCleary* case, the Washington State Supreme Court determined the state needed to more adequately fund basic education. With passage of recent state budgets, \$2.9 billion was added to education funding. The new investments provide for increases in student enrollment, school district operating costs, smaller class sizes in grades K-3, full day kindergarten and cost-of-living adjustments for school employees.

As your legislator and as the father of two young boys, I am greatly encouraged by the historic investments in education funding being made in our state. These increases have made Washington one of the fastest-growing states for education spending in the country. The Legislature also took additional steps this session to begin addressing substitute teacher shortages, recruitment of college students to teacher training programs, and the complicated issue of local levy reform.

## Responsible Budgets Approved

The Legislature has approved recent state budgets with significant bipartisan support. Despite proposals for large tax increases on businesses, capital gains, and various other items and services, those tax increases were not included in the final operating budgets. Education funding now accounts for 48 percent of the state budget — the largest portion dedicated to education in decades. These increases and others were made thanks to fiscal responsibility and a recovering economy.

### Balanced Budget Highlights

- K-3 school class-size reduction
- Funding for all-day kindergarten
- Employee cost of living adjustments
- Improvements to early learning
- Increased investments in public safety
- Enhancements to state parks
- Reduction in college tuition
- Mental health program reforms
- Improved wildfire funding and response
- Incentives for solar and renewable energy
- State patrol compensation reforms
- Local community infrastructure grants



## Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett testifies before the House Early Learning Committee in support of The Early Start Act, included in the 2015-17 budget.



## Hawkins Updates Chief Examiner Law

Cathy Mulhall, Chelan County Administrator, Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner, and Katie Batson, Human Resources Director visit with Rep. Brad Hawkins in Olympia to support House Bill 1752. This bill was sponsored at the request of Chelan County to modernize a 1950s law related to the county staff-level position of chief examiner.

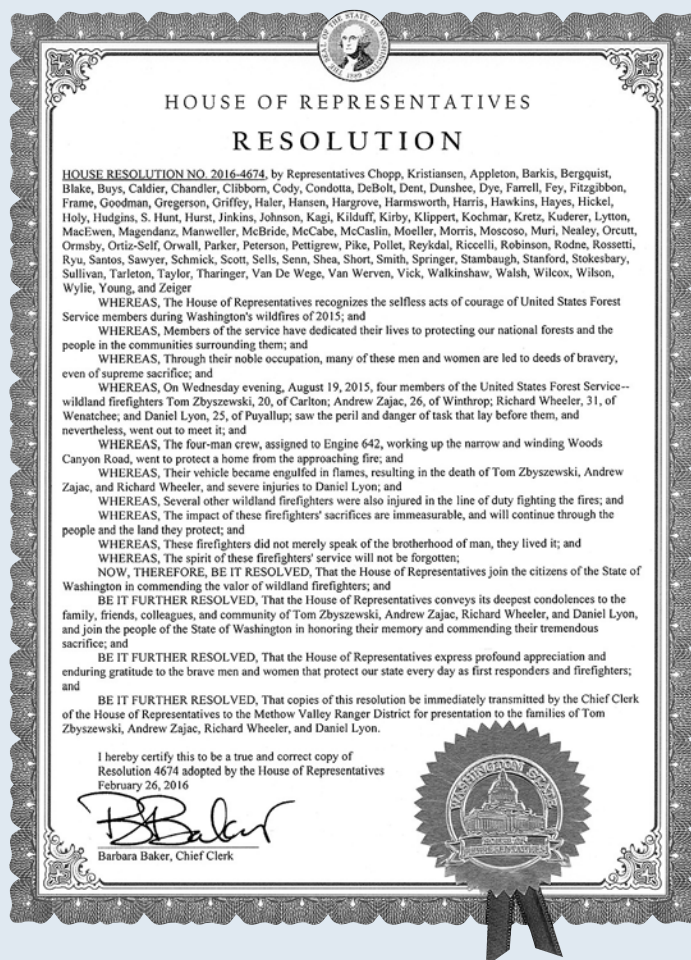


## Apple Blossom Royalty Visit Capitol

Rep. Brad Hawkins shares a laugh with the Apple Blossom Royalty after applying official state seals with Secretary of State Kim Wyman.

Queen Kori Martin and Princesses Emily Holmes and Sami Everhart traveled to Olympia in March to meet with Rep. Hawkins, Secretary Wyman, Governor Inslee, and members of the Legislature. This visit to the state Capitol is an annual tradition for the royal court and they did an outstanding job in their roles as Washington State Apple Blossom Festival ambassadors.

## Heroic Firefighters Honored



## Fallen But Not Forgotten

The past two summers of wildfires were devastating. Thousands of acres were burned, hundreds of homes destroyed, and numerous families displaced. The wildfires caused hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact. The most significant losses, however, cannot be assigned a cost.

Heroic acts of Tom Zbyszewski (Carlton), Andrew Zajac (Winthrop), Richard Wheeler (Wenatchee), and Daniel Lyon (Puyallup) were taken to help save Twisp and the surrounding areas of the Methow Valley. I organized and sponsored House Resolution 4674 to honor the fallen firefighters. The resolution speaks of their valor in protecting our region. Unfortunately, words themselves cannot properly express our gratitude for their courageous service, profound bravery, and tremendous sacrifice. I feel very proud to represent communities that support each other so greatly in times of tragedy.

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**"As your state representative, I work hard to place public service before politics.  
It's an honor to serve you and to be a voice for the people of the 12th District in Olympia."**